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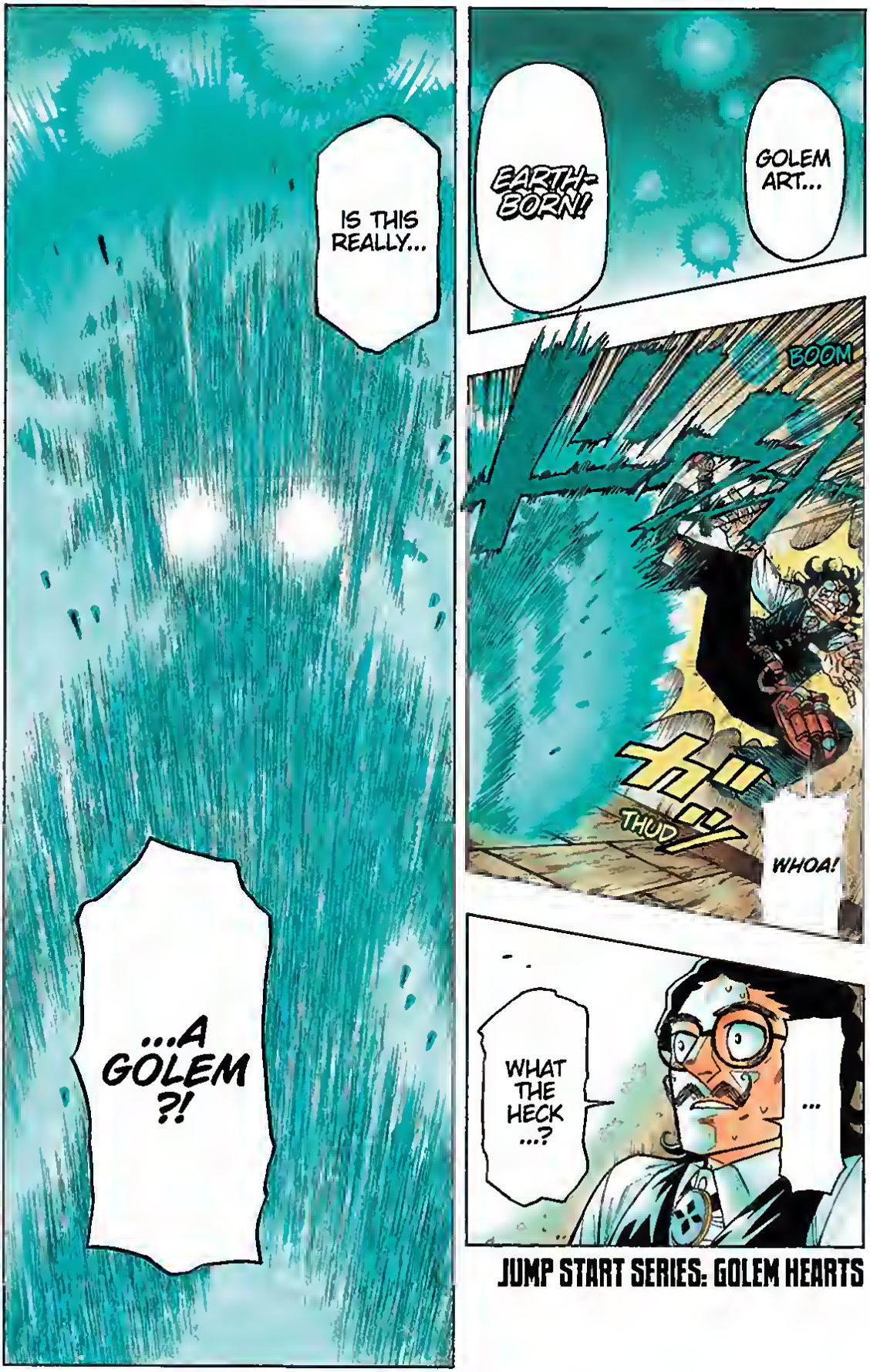
IS THIS REALLY...
...A GOLEM ?!
EARTH-BORN!
GOLEM ART...
BOOM
THUD
WHOA!
WHAT THE HECK ...?
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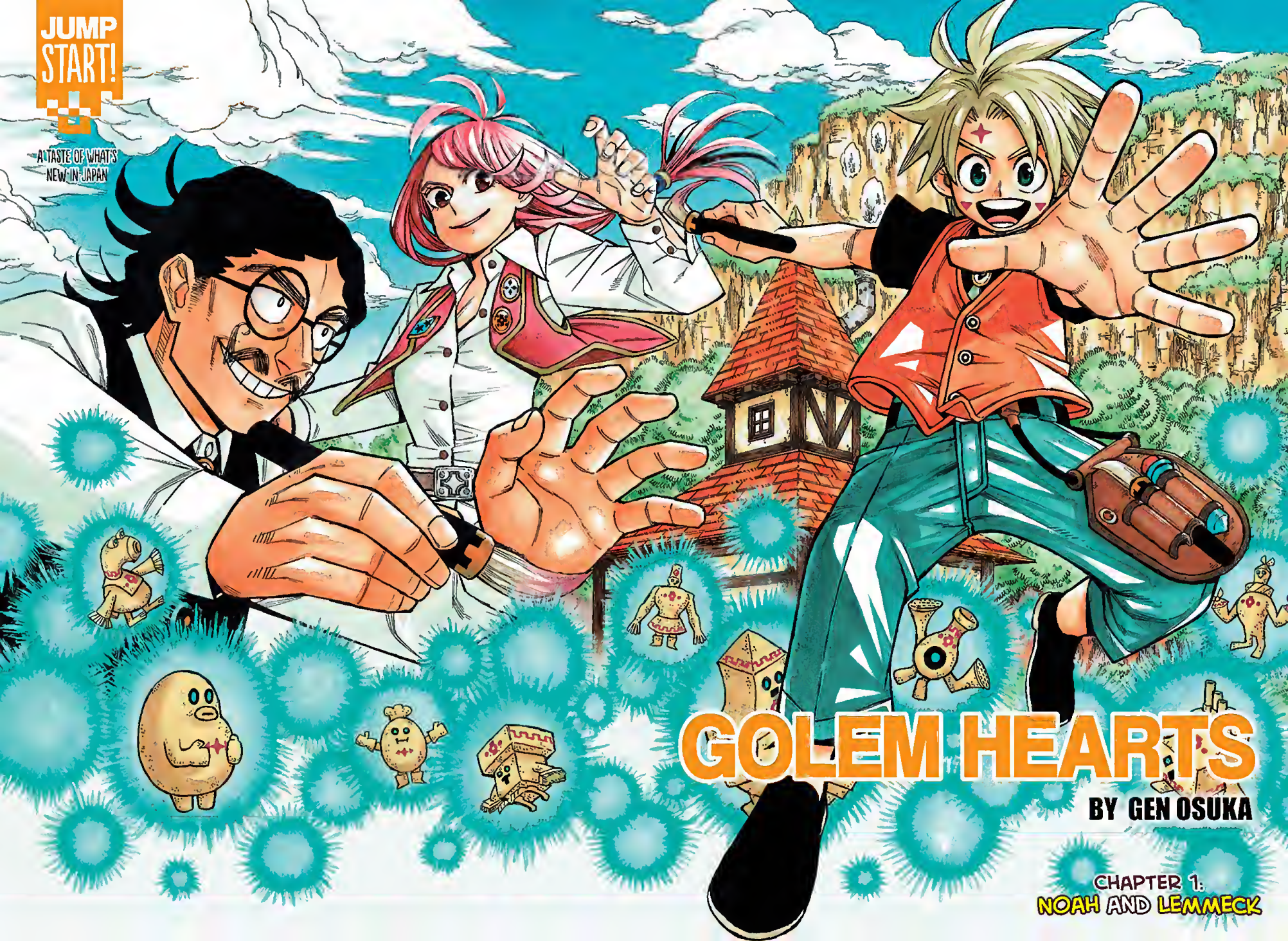
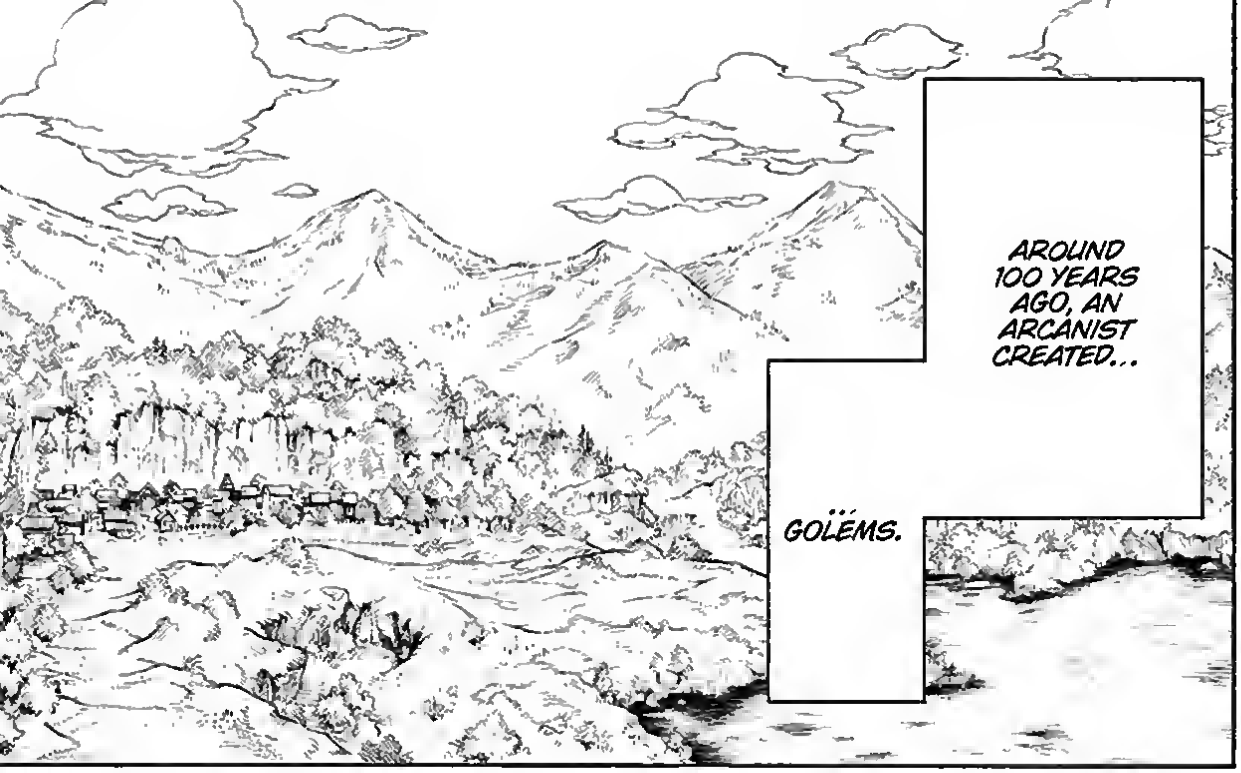
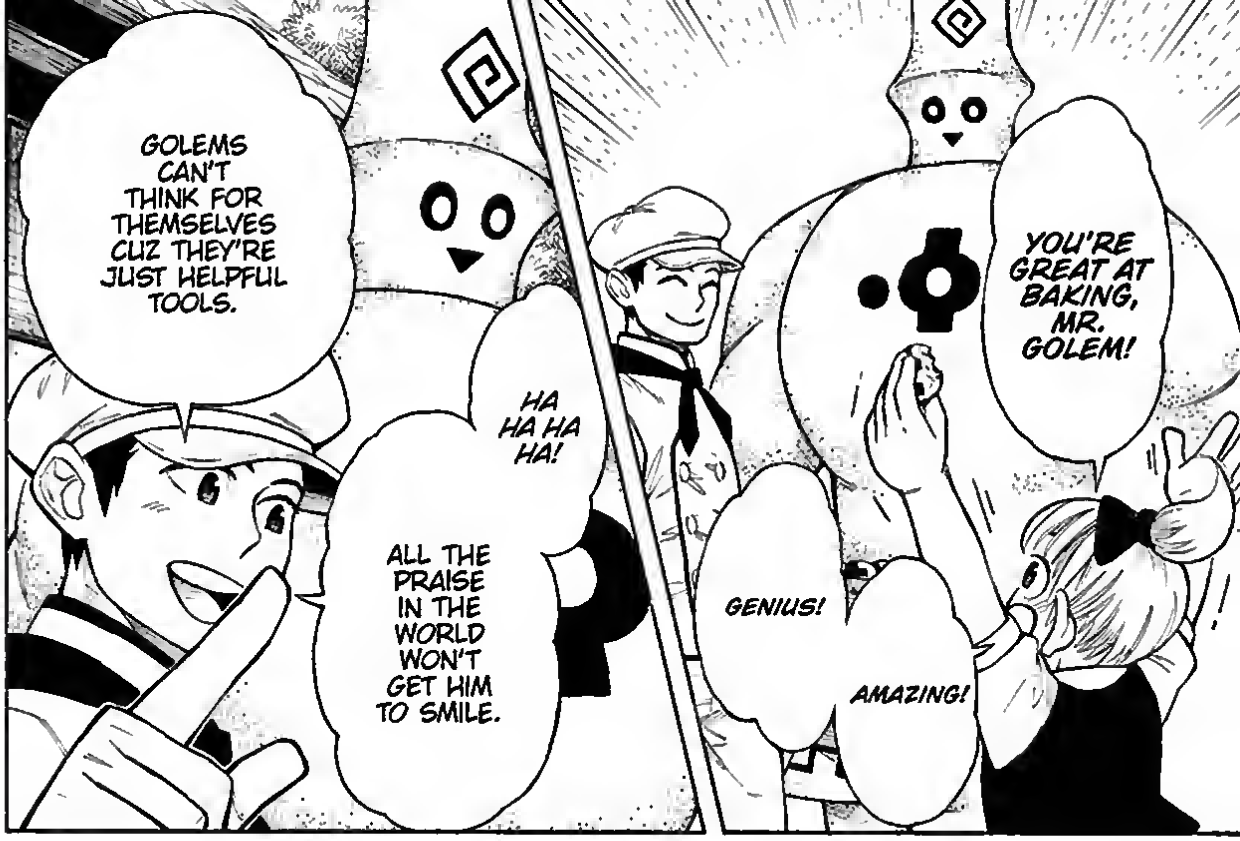
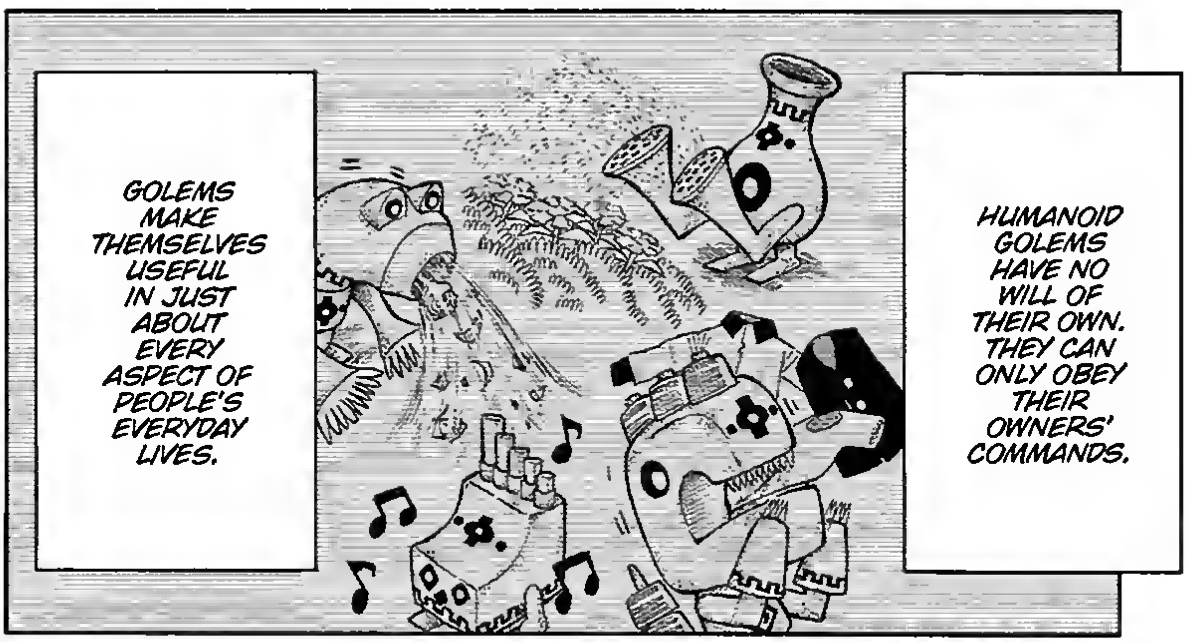

JUMP START!
A TASTE OF WHAT'S NEW IN JAPAN
GOLEM HEARTS
BY GEN OSUKA
CHAPTER 1:
NOAH AND LEMMECK


AROUND 100 YEARS AGO, AN ARCANIST CREATED...
GOLEMS.

NOM NOM
モグモグ
YUMMY!

WE'VE GOT A NEW TYPE OF COOKIE HERE!
THIS BIG GUY MADE 'EM. WANNA TRY ONE?


GOLEMS CAN'T THINK FOR THEMSELVES CUZ THEY'RE JUST HELPFUL TOOLS.
HA HA HA HA!
ALL THE PRAISE IN THE WORLD WON'T GET HIM TO SMILE.
YOU'RE GREAT AT BAKING, MR. GOLEM!
GENIUS!
AMAZING!


GOLEMS MAKE THEMSELVES USEFUL IN JUST ABOUT EVERY ASPECT OF PEOPLE'S EVERYDAY LIVES.
HUMANOID GOLEMS HAVE NO WILL OF THEIR OWN. THEY CAN ONLY OBEY THEIR OWNERS' COMMANDS.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE ...?
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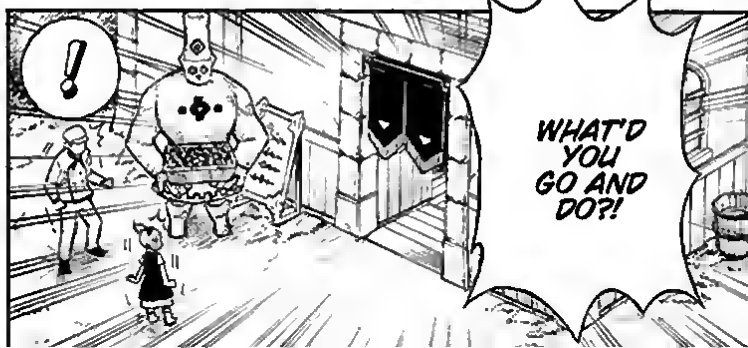
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WHAT'D YOU GO AND DO?!

KER-WHAM!
WHOA!
SKFFF
GIMME A BREAK...
IT'S A REAL DELICACY, HUH? THAT'S HOW WE MAKE 'EM AT HOME!
TA-DAH!
ハンバーグ
SO WHY'D YOU KICK ME??
YOU SAID YOU COULD COOK!
BURNT
コゲコゲ
YOU INSISTED ON HELPING, AND THIS IS WHAT YOU COME UP WITH?!
NOT THAT! I MEAN YOUR BODY!
YEAH, I COOKED UP SOME GREAT FOOD, URASA!
EVERY-THING OKAY, NOAH?
CALM DOWN, SIR ...!
IS THIS BRAT MAKING A FOOL OUTTA ME?!

MY CHIMNEY'S GOTTEN FILTHY LATELY.
DON'T FRET, MA'AM.
MY GOLEM IS A GREAT CHIMNEY SWEEP!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I'M A TOUGH COOKIE!

KRAK
?!

I CAN BE REAL HELPFUL!
COUNT ON ME, TOO!
TMP
HUH?

NNNGHHH!
RUB RUB
RUB RUB
RUB RUB
UM...
WAIT ...

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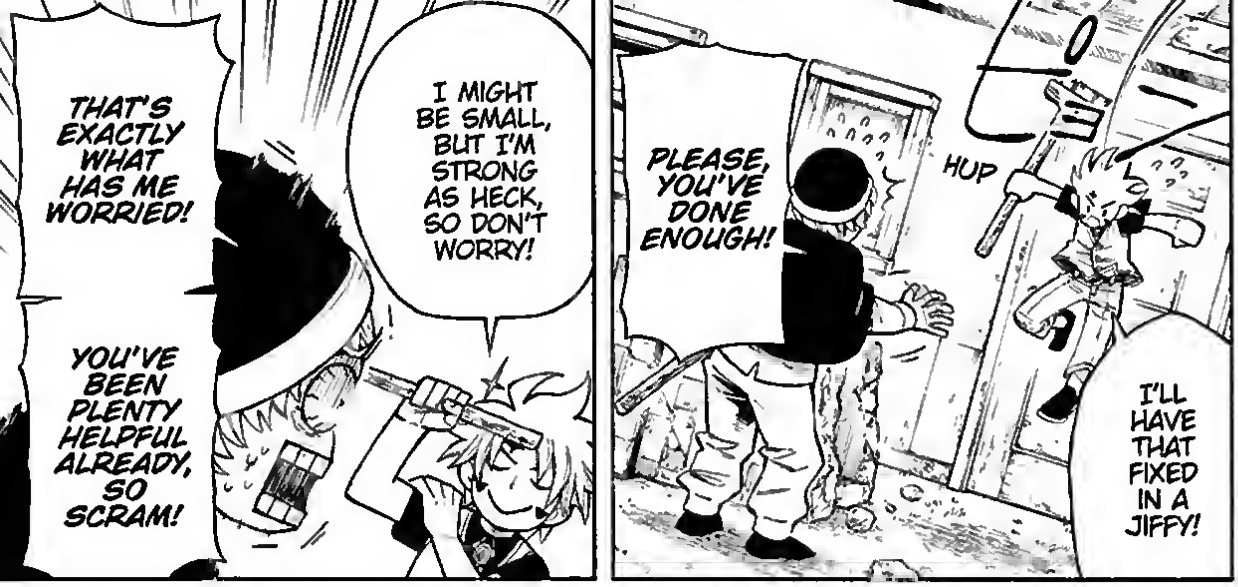
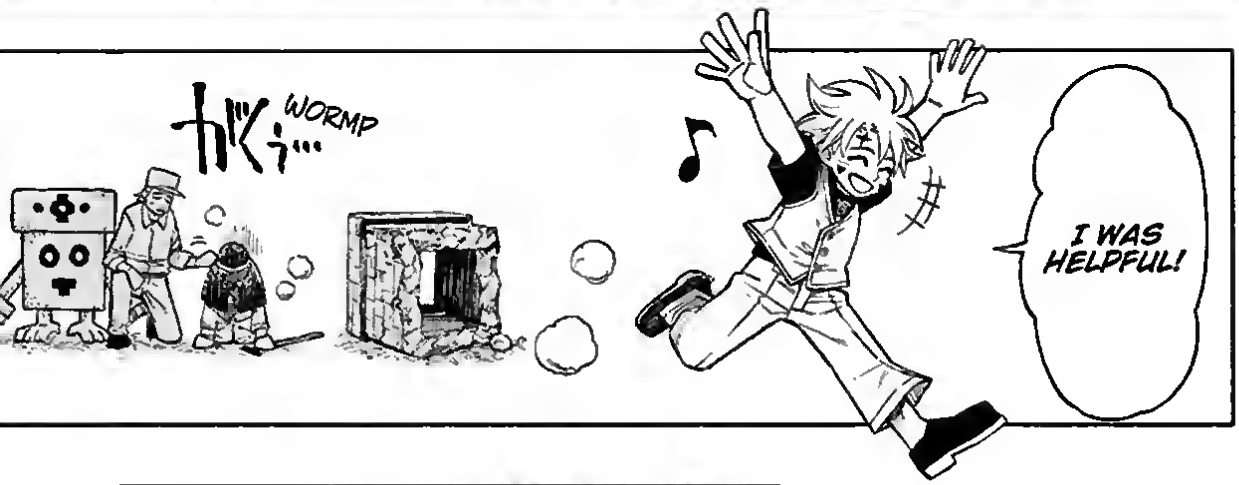
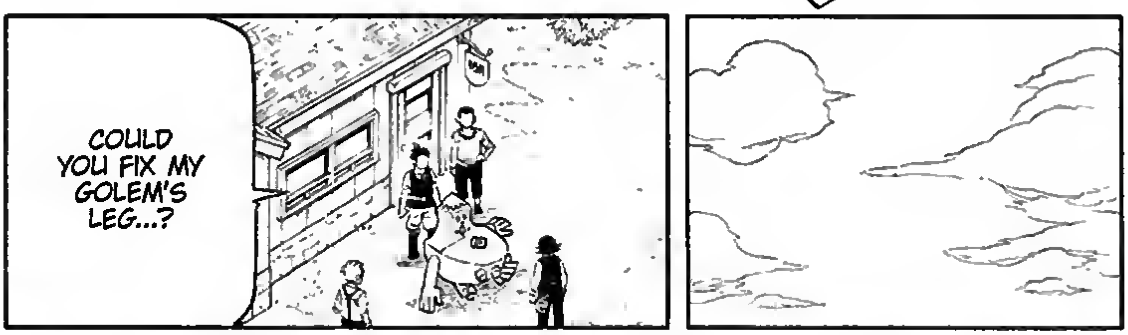
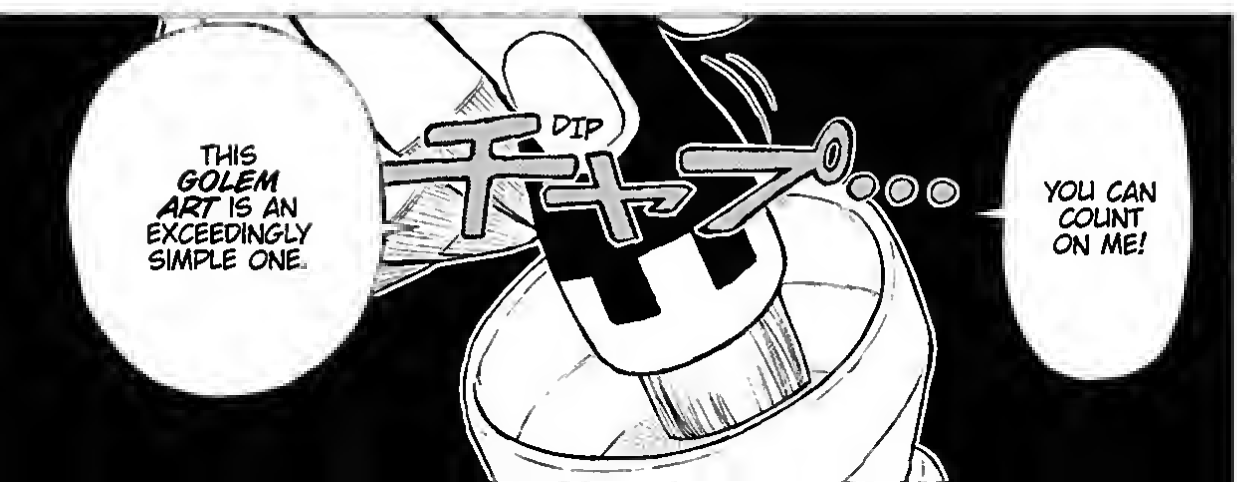
KERTHUD
...


I MIGHT BE SMALL, BUT I'M STRONG AS HECK, SO DON'T WORRY!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAS ME WORRIED!
YOU'VE BEEN PLENTY HELPFUL ALREADY, SO SCRAM!
HUP
PLEASE, YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH!
I'LL HAVE THAT FIXED IN A JIFFY!


WORMP
I WAS HELPFUL!


COULD YOU FIX MY GOLEM'S LEG...?


THIS GOLEM ART IS AN EXCEEDINGLY SIMPLE ONE.
DIP
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

JUST USE SOME MAGIC LIQUID TO PAINT ON THIS CREST...
FLIK
FLIK
FWISH
ARCANISTS CAN DO MORE THAN JUST CREATE GOLEMS!
GULP
ゴクリ...
...AND RE-GENERATE THAT LEG!
THEY MAKE A LIVING THROUGH SPECIAL GOLEM ARTS, WHICH ALLOW THEM TO REPAIR AND ENHANCE A GOLEM'S ABILITIES.
FWOOM
GOLEM ART...
RESUR-RECTION!

WOW!
WHOOSH!
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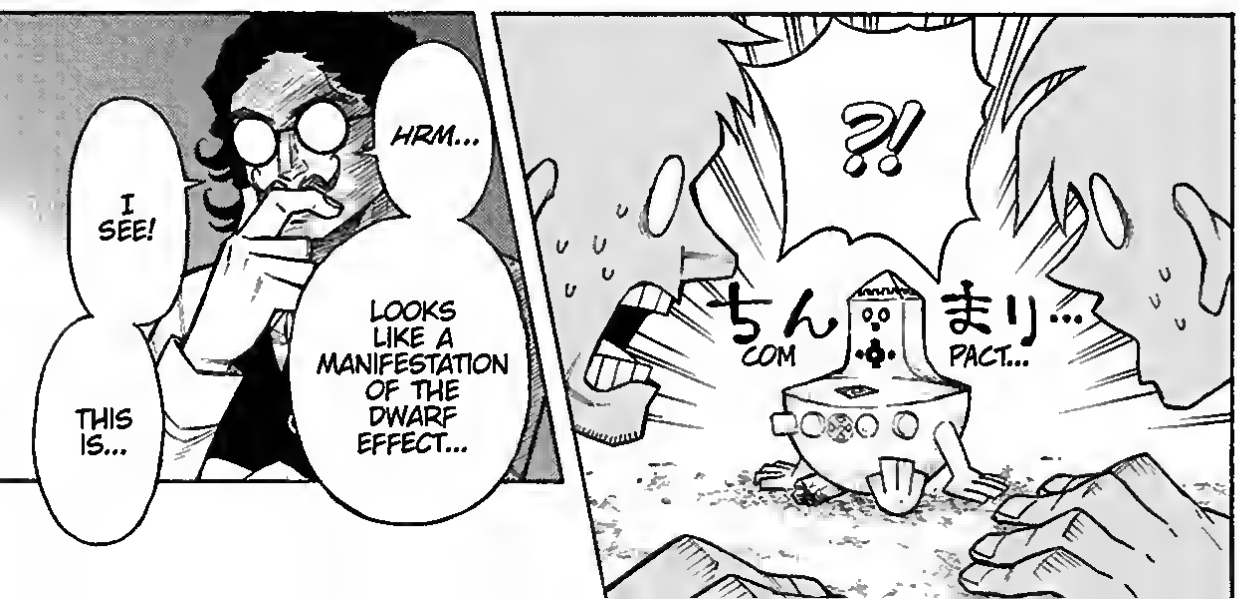
SHOOONK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まり…
PACT…
HRM…
LOOKS LIKE A MANIFESTATION OF THE DWARF EFFECT…
I SEE!
THIS IS…

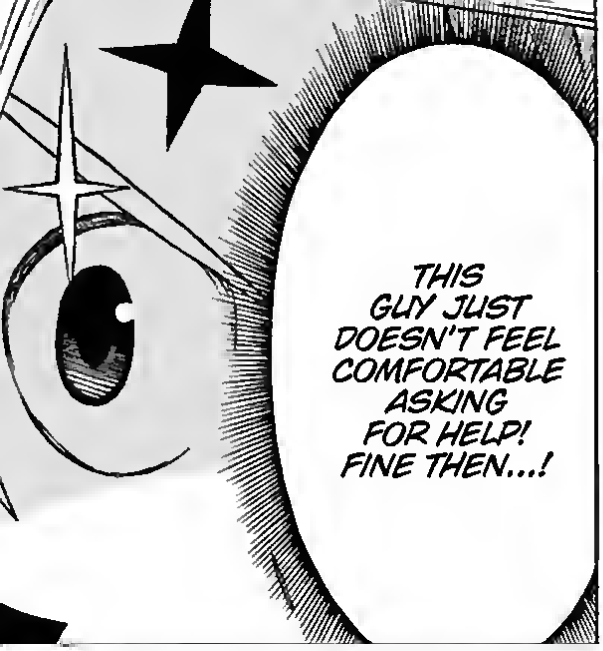
YOU QUACK ARCANIST !!
THE ONLY MISTAKE HERE IS YOURS!
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
GAH!
A FAILURE!
NO MISTAKING IT!
OR DO YOU CLAIM TO BE PERFECT, YOURSELF?!
EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES!
UH...
DON'T LET HIM TALK HIS WAY OUT OF IT!
HE'S JUST TRYING TO COVER HIS BUTT!
TOMP
HEY, LEM-MECK!
YOU WERE S'POSED TO FIX OUR BARBER GOLEM...
UH...
THUD
HE'S A JIVE-TALKING TURKEY!
BUT IF GIVING ME A SOUND BEATING WILL SATISFY YOU, THEN HAVE AT IT!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE FINE WITH LOSING ALL RESPECT FOR YOURSELF IN THE PROCESS!

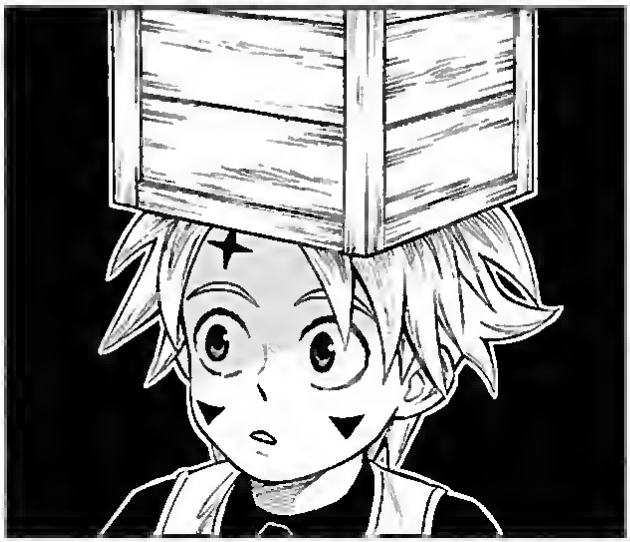
KASHING
BUT IT'S GONE WONKY AND GIVEN EVERYONE THIS CUT! THIS IS YOUR FAULT!!
GOT ANY-THING TO SAY FOR YOUR-SELF?!

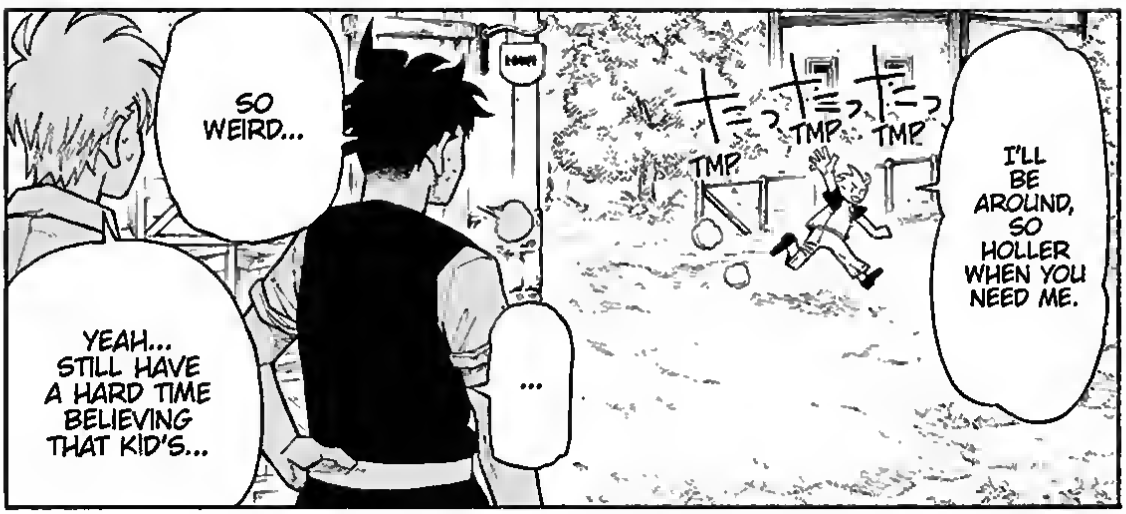
WHAT ?!
LIAR !!
WHY IS EVERYONE SO UPSET? YOU GUYS LOOK WONDERFUL.
HOW ABOUT WE GIVE YOU THIS HAIRCUT TOO!
AND IF NOT, PERHAPS THE PROBLEM ISN'T YOUR HAIR, BUT YOUR FACES?

HOW'RE WE GONNA HAUL ALL THAT CARGO TO THE HARBOR NOW?
OH WELL... IT'S A SHAME THAT OUR TOWN HAS TO MAKE DO WITH THAT QUACK.
WILL YA LOOK AT THAT? TIME TO PRAY. TWENTY-THREE SKIDDOO!
SING HIS PRAISE!
FWOOSH
I'D LOVE TO OBLIGE, BUT MY RELIGION PROHIBITS ME FROM CUTTING MY HAIR.
WE'VE BEEN CUTTING YOUR HAIR FOR AGES, THOUGH!
GET BACK HERE!
WE WANT A REFUND !!
!
POW
POW

ACK!
HEAP
I GOT IT!
SO THIS'S ALL GOING DOWN TO THE HARBOR?
CUT IT OUT, KID.
IF THEY GET RUINED, WE'RE LOOKING AT A HUGE LOSS!
THOSE CRATES'RE FILLED WITH PRICEY SKUNK MUSHROOMS!
PUT THAT DOWN!!
I'M SAYING WE DON'T WANT YOUR HELP!!
NO NEED TO BEG. I JUST WANNA BE HELPFUL TO EVERYONE.
WOBBL
WOBBL


THIS GUY JUST DOESN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE ASKING FOR HELP! FINE THEN...!

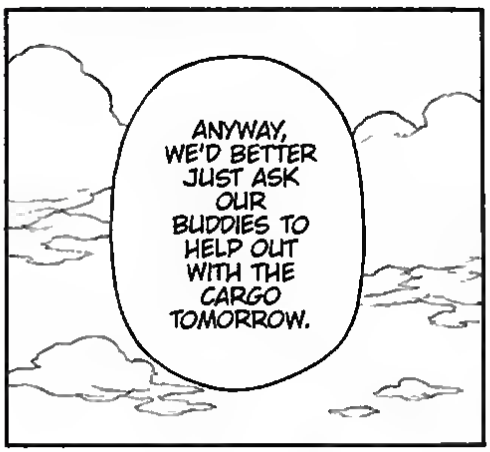


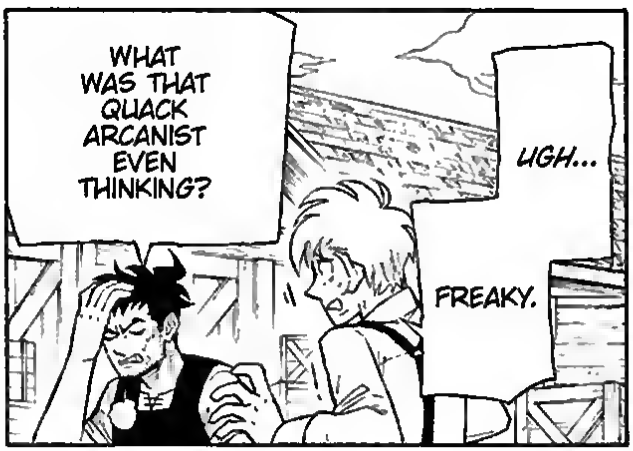

SO WEIRD...
YEAH... STILL HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT KID'S...
...
TMP
TMP
TMP
I'LL BE AROUND, SO HOLLER WHEN YOU NEED ME.

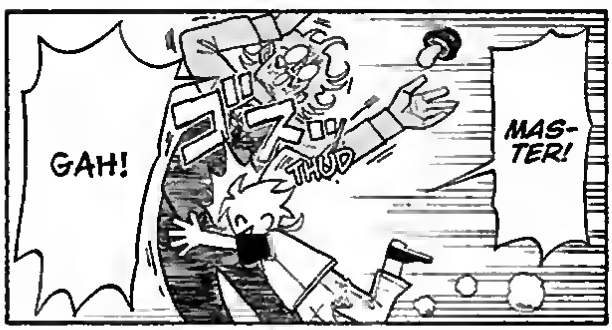
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES...
THERE'S NO DOUBT, THOUGH.

...A GOLEM...

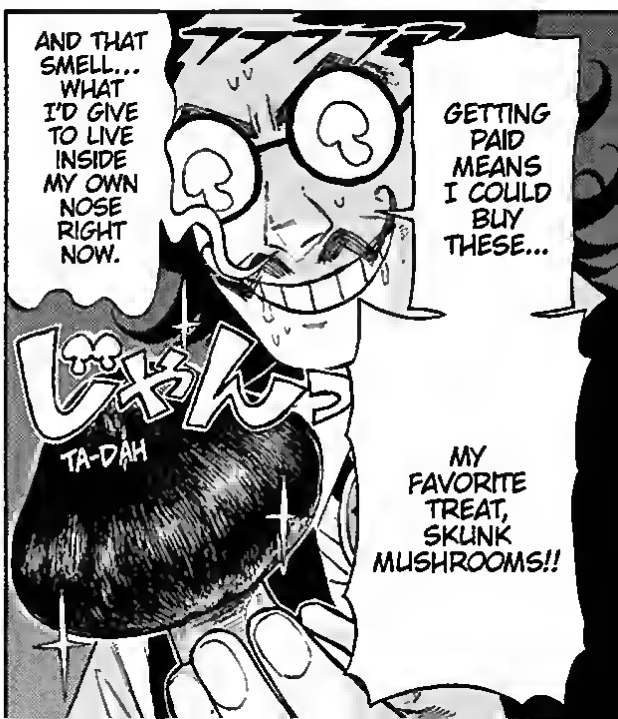
SEE? MY MASTER MADE ME. I'M A GOLEM.
HE RIPPED OFF HIS OWN ARM...

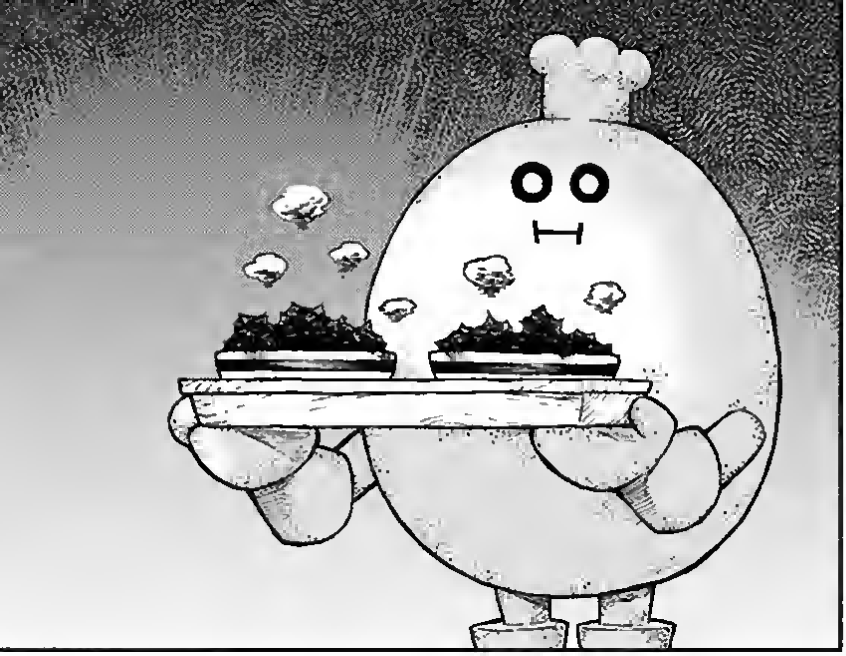

ANYWAY, WE'D BETTER JUST ASK OUR BUDDIES TO HELP OUT WITH THE CARGO TOMORROW.


WHAT WAS THAT QUACK ARCANIST EVEN THINKING?
UGH...
FREAKY.


GAH!
THUD
MAS-TER!

OKAY!
OH... IT'S JUST YOU, NOAH...
PERFECT TIMING. LET'S GO HOME AND EAT...


AND THAT SMELL... WHAT I'D GIVE TO LIVE INSIDE MY OWN NOSE RIGHT NOW.
GETTING PAID MEANS I COULD BUY THESE...
TA-DAH
MY FAVORITE TREAT, SKUNK MUSHROOMS!!



PERHAPS I REALLY AM A QUACK...
TASTES GOOD TO ME!
CHOMP CHOMP
AND YOU'RE NO QUACK, MASTER.
YOU'RE ONE TERRIFIC ARCANIST!

AND I THOUGHT I'D MADE A FUNCTIONING CHEF GOLEM...
MY PRECIOUS SKUNK MUSHROOMS... WENT FROM DIAMONDS TO COAL...
BURNT TO A CRISP...

BLRFFF!
もぐ NOM
もぐ NOM
PEOPLE JUST DON'T KNOW IT YET.

WAHHH
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO RESPECTS ME, NOAH!
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP

しゃぴん
SHAH
BUT I'M GONNA BE REAL HELPFUL...
...AND PROVE TO EVERYONE HOW GREAT YOU ARE FOR MAKING ME, MASTER!!

I'LL HELP YOU EARN THAT RESPECT ALL ON YOUR OWN TOO!
I'LL EARN THAT RESPECT ALL ON MY OWN!
IT MOVES ME TO HEAR THAT, BUT YOU NEEDN'T WORRY.

I SURE AM!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?

IF I SHOW HOW HELPFUL I CAN BE, PEOPLE'LL HAVE TO RESPECT MASTER...!

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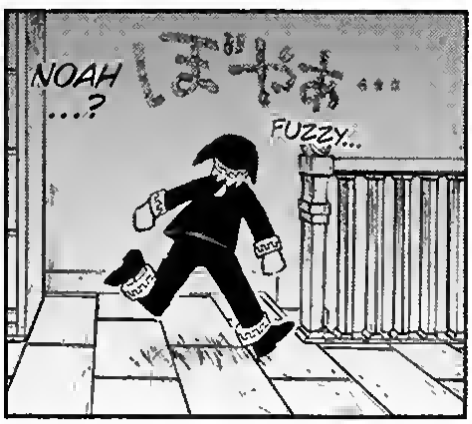
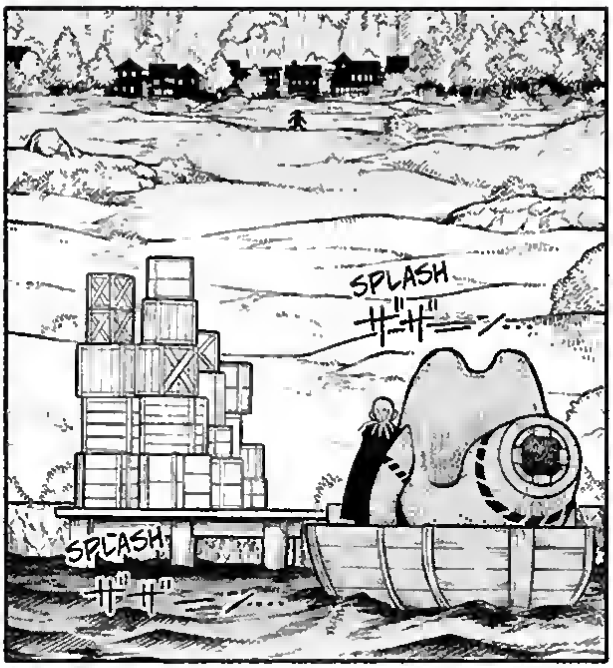

NOAH ...?
しまうあ...
FUZZY..

KREAK
KREAK
TMP
TMP

HOW 'BOUT WE MAKE THIS TOWN OUR NEXT TARGET?


SPLASH
SPLASH

SPLASH

...SOME DESIRES CAN ONLY BE FULFILLED BY HUMANS.
HEH
EVEN WITH A WORLD FULL OF GOLEMS...

THIS JOB SHOULD BE A CINCH!

COUNTRY BUMPKINS SURE ARE EASY-GOING.
CLATTER
CLATTER
!
BOOZE AND FOOD, JUST SITTING HERE...? EVEN SKUNK MUSHROOMS!

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
YEAH, AND I WAS SURE TO LOCK UP!
AND YOU'RE POSITIVE IT WAS ALL THERE LAST NIGHT?
NOBODY KNOWS WHAT HAP-PENED ?!
CHATTER
CHATTER
WHAT?
YOU LOST YOUR WINNING TICKET?!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HOP
ひょこ
ひょこ HOP
THE QUACK.
OH!
WHAT'S THIS?
DID SOMEONE WIN THE LOTTERY?

ガラン
DOOM
SOMEONE STOLE ALL OUR GOODS IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT!!
!
OH, A DISASTER THEN... NO WINNERS HERE...
DEAD OF NIGHT...?

MR. KOHAB! I FOUND THE STUFF DOWN BY THE HARBOR!
WHAT ?!
IT'S ALREADY THERE...?
DID ONE OF OUR WORKERS CARRY IT ALL...?
BUT THEN WHY WOULD THEY SMASH THE LOCK?

IT WAS ME!
!!

I HAULED ALL THAT STUFF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
...BECAUSE YOU HAD SUCH A HARD TIME ASKING ME TO DO IT, MISTER!
HEH
HEH
HEH

...

NOAH...

?
THE STUFF'S ALL THERE, TRUE, BUT...

I'M STRONG, Y'SEE! I CAN BE REAL HELPFUL!

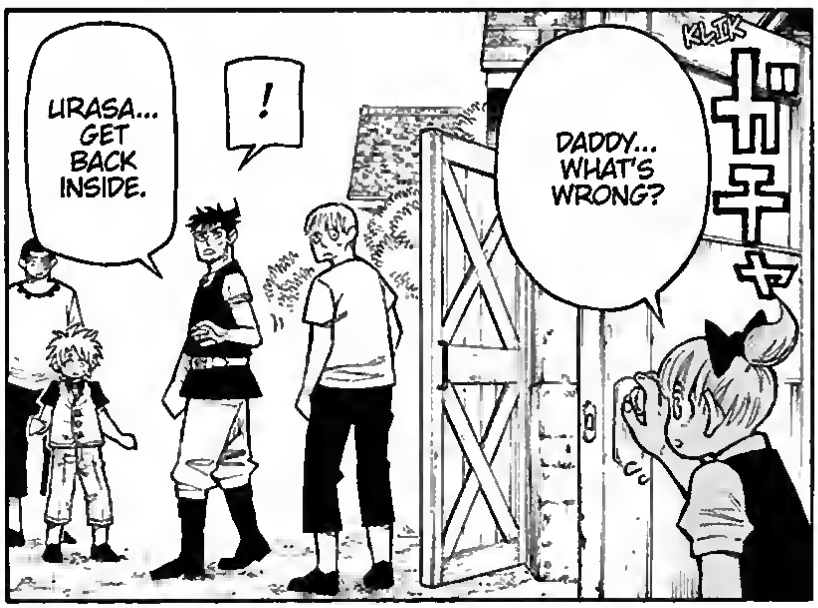
THE CRATES WERE BROKEN INTO, AND JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING'S DAMAGED...
SO THIS KID'S TO BLAME...?
CHATTER
ALL I DID WAS CARRY THE STUFF, I SWEAR...
UH...

I WOULD NEVER DO THAT.
THAT'S RIGHT!
I'M JUST HERE TO BE HELPFUL!

WAIT.
AND WHO D'YOU THINK'S GONNA BELIEVE A WORD YOU SAY?
NOT THAT I'M DEFENDING HIM, BUT...
THERE WAS A WEIRD FERRY THERE. IT COULD'VE BEEN SOMEONE ELSE WHO DAMAGED THE GOODS.

NOW HOW'RE WE GONNA MAKE UP FOR THIS LOSS?!
I SAID I DIDN'T WANT YOUR HELP!
JOLT
THEN STOP BUTTING IN!

HIYA URASA ...


URASA... GET BACK INSIDE.
!
DADDY... WHAT'S WRONG?
KLIK
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STAY AWAY FROM MY TRADING BUSINESS... IN FACT, JUST LEAVE TOWN...!!
NOT ONLY ARE YOU THE LEAST HELPFUL GOLEM EVER, BUT IT'S FREAKY HOW YOU LOOK SO HUMAN...

APOLOGIES!!
FWIP
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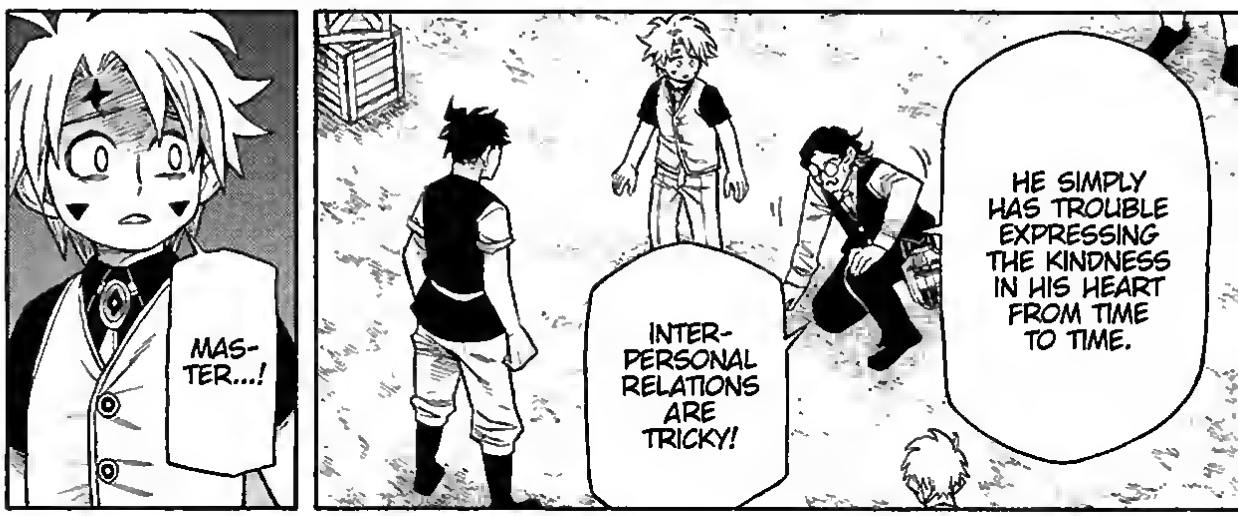
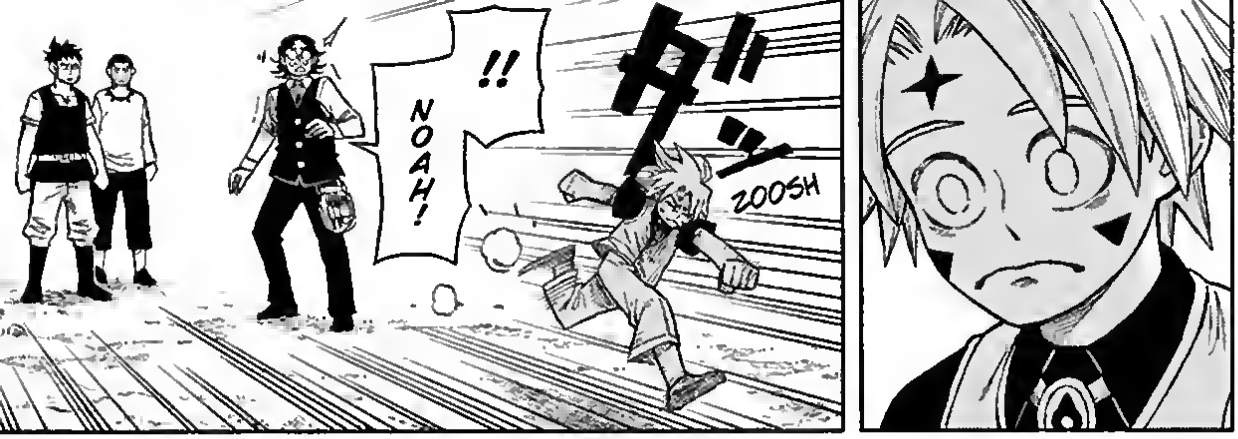

MAS-TER...!
INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONS ARE TRICKY!
HE SIMPLY HAS TROUBLE EXPRESSING THE KINDNESS IN HIS HEART FROM TIME TO TIME.

BESIDES, IF YOU'D NEVER GONE AND MADE THIS GOLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE...
...NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE HAPPENED!!
WE ALL KNOW YOU'RE DIRT-POOR!!
BUT WE'VE ALL LEARNED A LESSON HERE. VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE, GOING FORWARD!
I'LL BE SURE TO COVER YOUR LOSSES, SOMEHOW!


NOAH!
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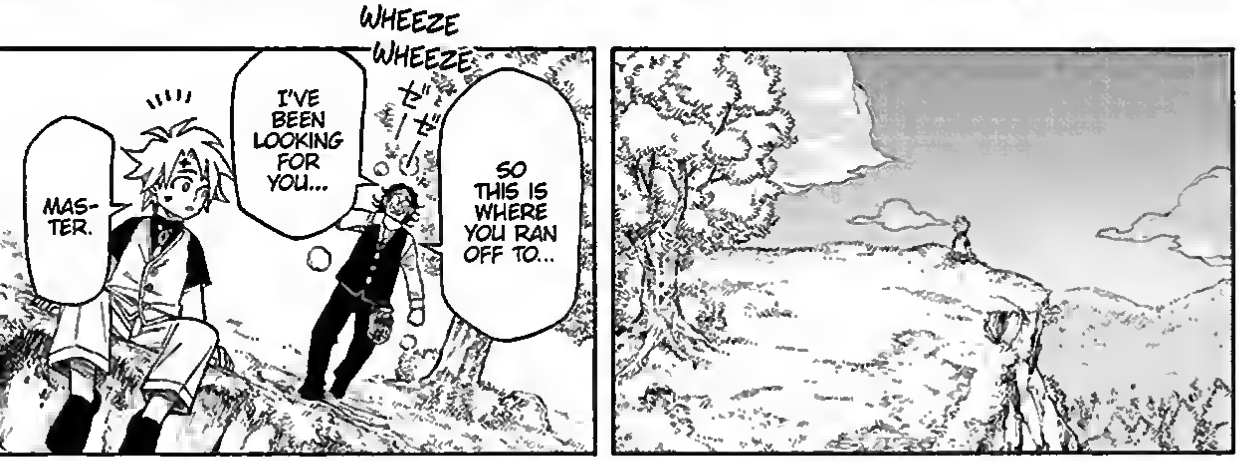
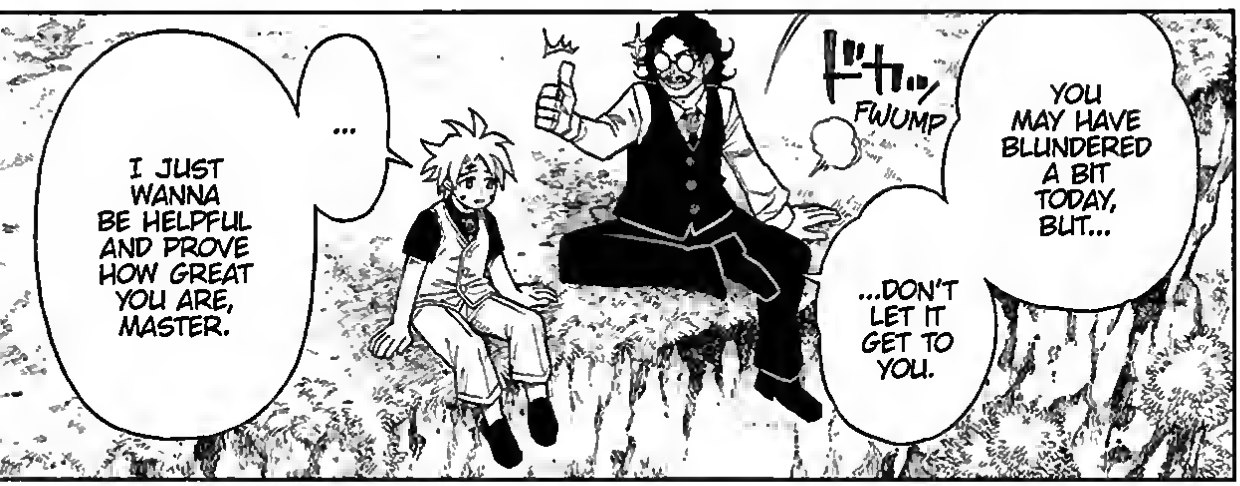
ZOOSH


WHEEZE
WHEEZE
MAS-
TER.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU...
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU RAN OFF TO...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I JUST WANNA BE HELPFUL AND PROVE HOW GREAT YOU ARE, MASTER.
FWUMP
YOU MAY HAVE BLUNDERED A BIT TODAY, BUT...
...DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.

IT'S MY FAULT THAT PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE A BAD ARCANIST.
BUT IT TURNS OUT I'M A USELESS GOLEM, SO...
HM?

MAYBE I JUST SHOULDN'T EXIST.

TUG
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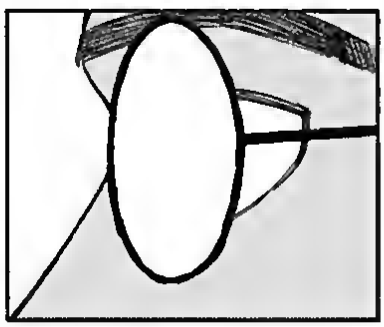
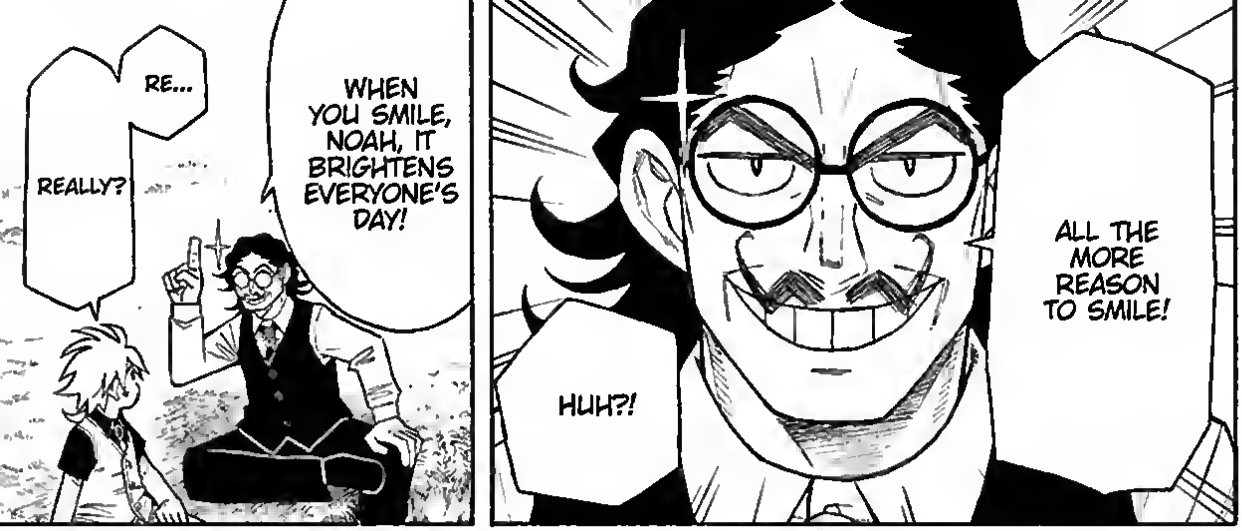
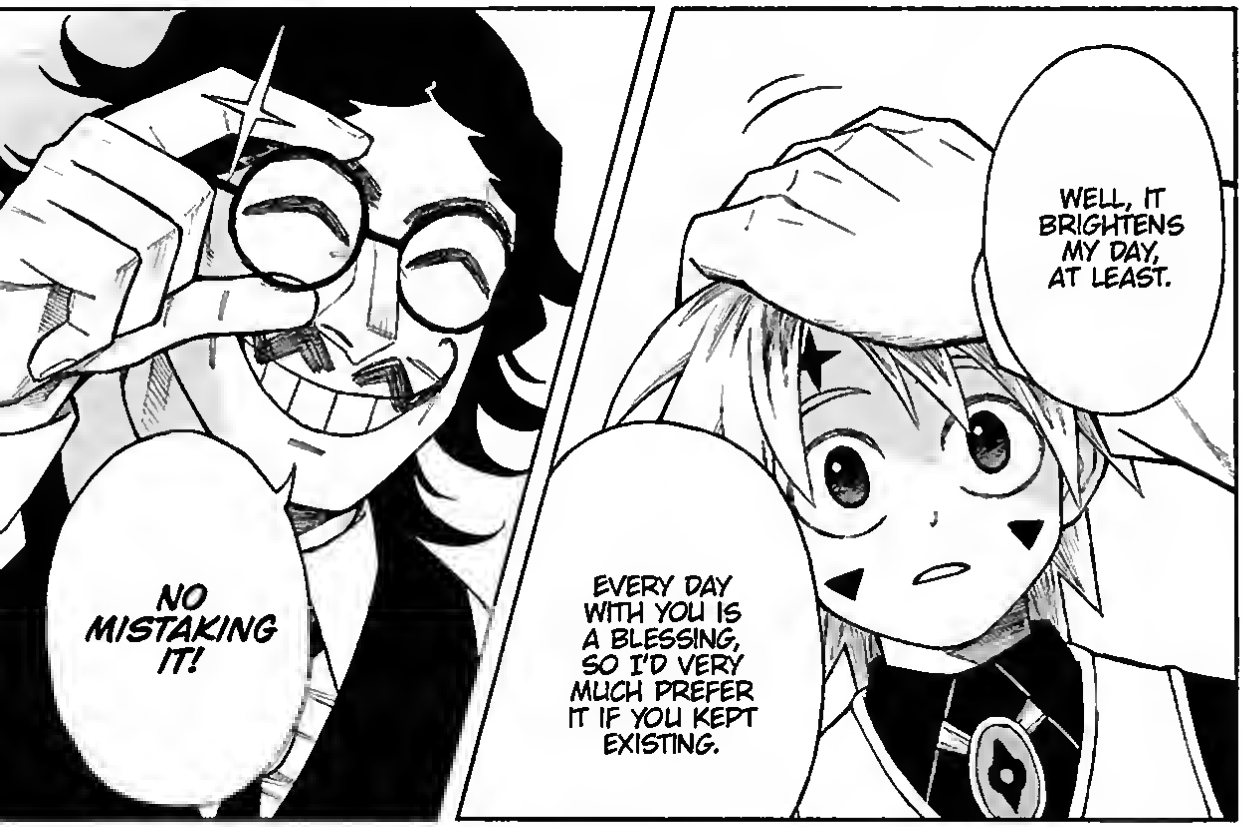
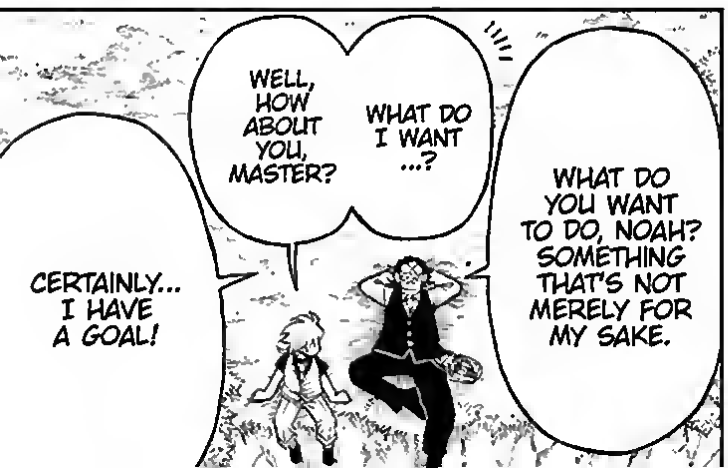


GOLEMS ARE S'POSED TO BE EXPRESSIONLESS, SO I JUST END UP FREAKING PEOPLE OUT.
I SHOULDN'T SMILE.
THAT GLOOMY LOOK HARDLY SUITS YOU. SMILE, SMILE!




NO MISTAKING IT!
EVERY DAY WITH YOU IS A BLESSING, SO I'D VERY MUCH PREFER IT IF YOU KEPT EXISTING.
WELL, IT BRIGHTENS MY DAY, AT LEAST.


CERTAINLY... I HAVE A GOAL!
WELL, HOW ABOUT YOU, MASTER?
WHAT DO I WANT ...?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, NOAH? SOMETHING THAT'S NOT MERELY FOR MY SAKE.

I LOVE HOW MASTER'S BIG OLD HANDS CAN MAKE ME FEEL SO WARM INSIDE.

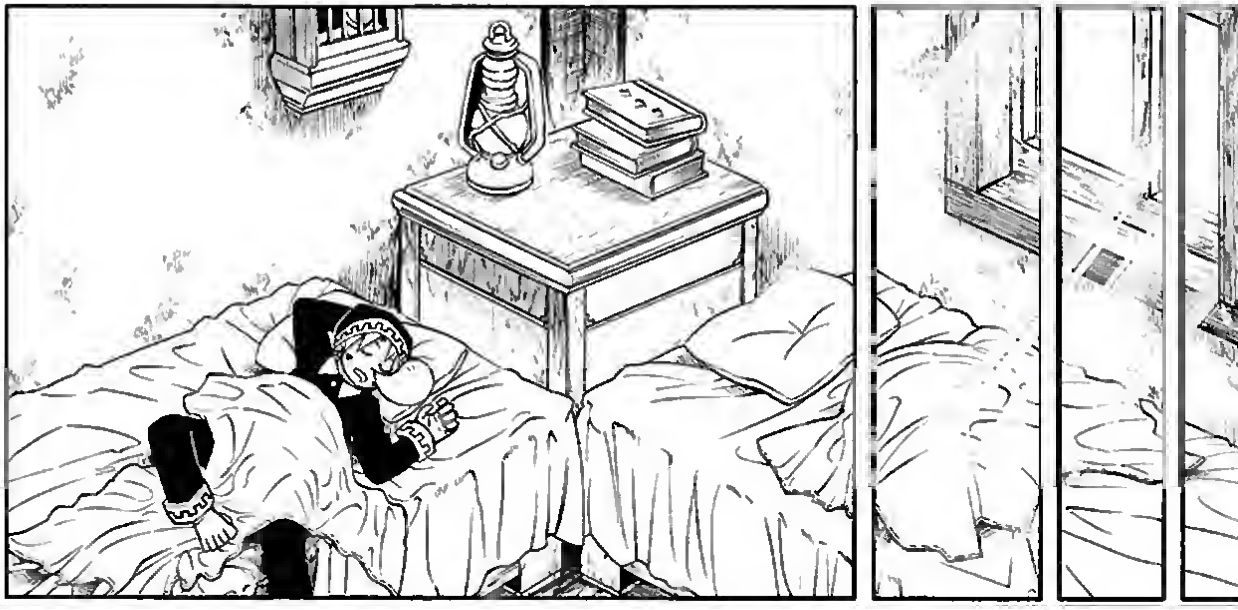
TO BE THE WORLD'S BEST ARCANIST!
I'LL EARN RESPECT, GET RICH AND LIVE A LIFE OF EASE!

THEN I'LL ALSO BE THE WORLD'S BEST ARCANIST!
SHUP
HUH ?!
ARE YOU COMPETING WITH ME?!
NO.
IF I BECOME THE WORLD'S BEST, THEN THAT'LL MAKE YOU AN EVEN BETTER BEST, SINCE YOU MADE ME, MASTER!
WHAT INSCRUTABLE LOGIC...
BUT THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE BEST.
OH.

THEN I'LL...
...BE THE SECOND-BEST ARCANIST IN THE WORLD!
AND SHOW EVERYONE THAT YOU'RE THE BEST, MASTER!

WE'LL WORK AT IT TOGETHER, THEN!
YUP!

...
ALWAYS FOR MY SAKE, THEN...!



I SUFFERED A LOSS TODAY!
ENOUGH OF THIS!

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SQUIRM
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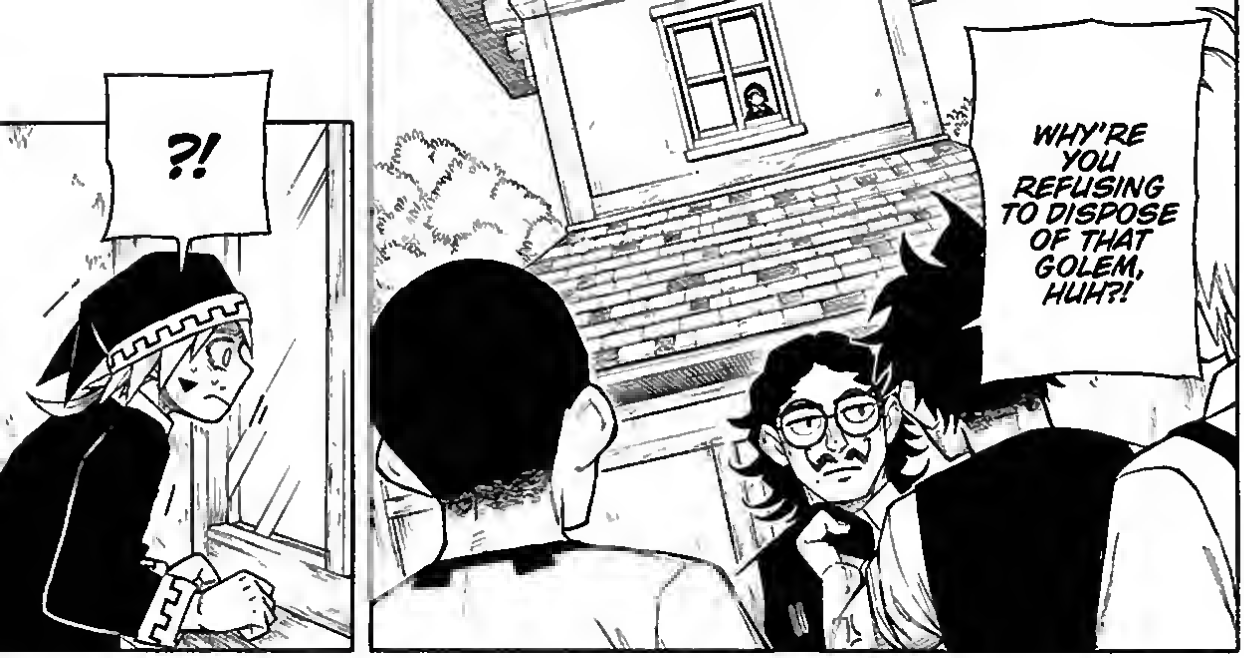
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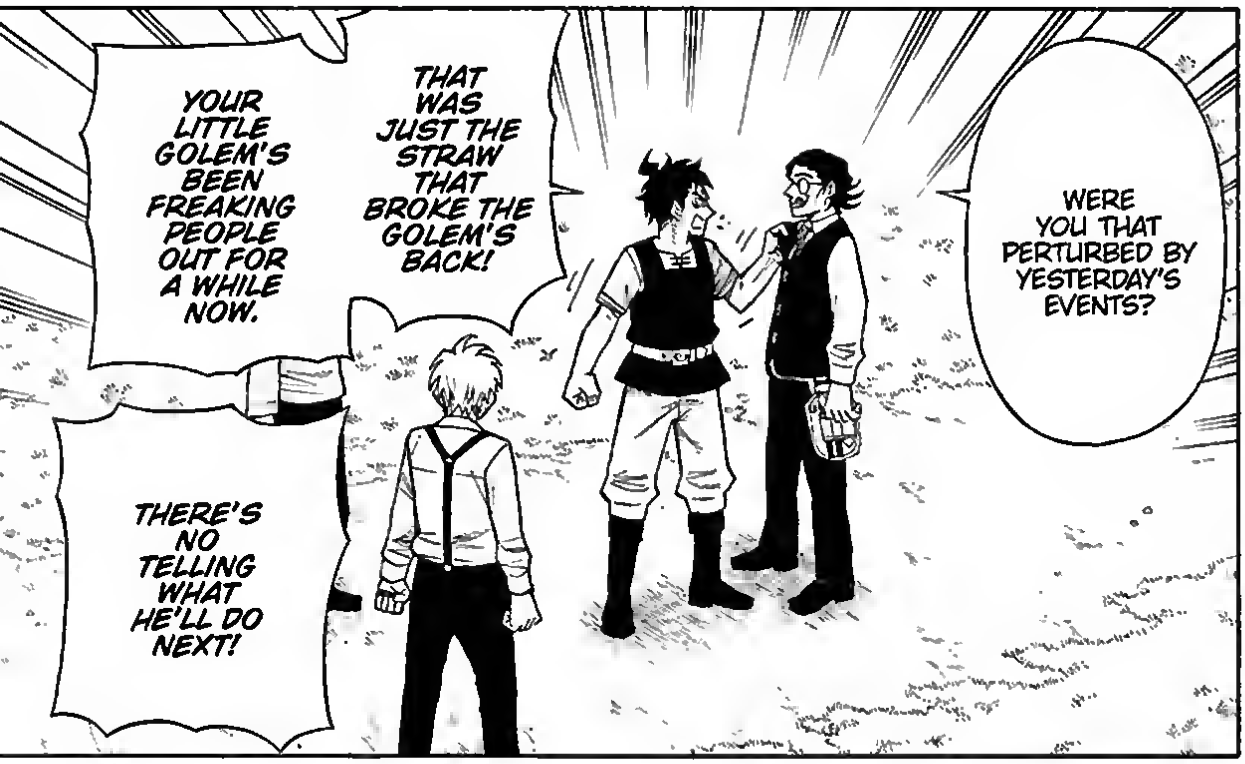
WHY'RE YOU REFUSING TO DISPOSE OF THAT GOLEM, HUH?!


YOUR LITTLE GOLEM'S BEEN FREAKING PEOPLE OUT FOR A WHILE NOW.
THAT WAS JUST THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE GOLEM'S BACK!
WERE YOU THAT PERTURBED BY YESTERDAY'S EVENTS?
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO NEXT!

YEAH.
YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER OF YOUR OWN, RIGHT?

DON'T YOU DARE...
IF SHE HAPPENED TO BE A BRAT WHO TERRORIZED THE TOWN, AND PEOPLE TOLD YOU TO KILL HER, WOULD YOU?
YOWCH!!
KRAK
...COMPARE HER TO A GOLEM!!
BUT THAT'S HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM.
TO ME, NOAH IS NOAH.
GOLEM OR HUMAN, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.
YOU MAY NOT SEE IT THAT WAY...
...

HE'S ALWAYS JUST TRYING TO BE HELPFUL TO YOU TOWNS-PEOPLE.
AND HE WORKS HARD FOR MY SAKE.
A KIND LITTLE PAIN IN THE BUTT WHO ALWAYS THINKS OF OTHERS BEFORE HIMSELF.
HE MAY BE A FOOL PRONE TO MISTAKES...
...BUT THAT BOY MEANS MORE TO ME THAN ANYTHING.
NOAH IS MY SON.
SO WHEN YOU TELL ME TO DISPOSE OF HIM...
WELL...
PLEASE UNDERSAND THAT I'D LAY DOWN MY LIFE TO PROTECT HIM!

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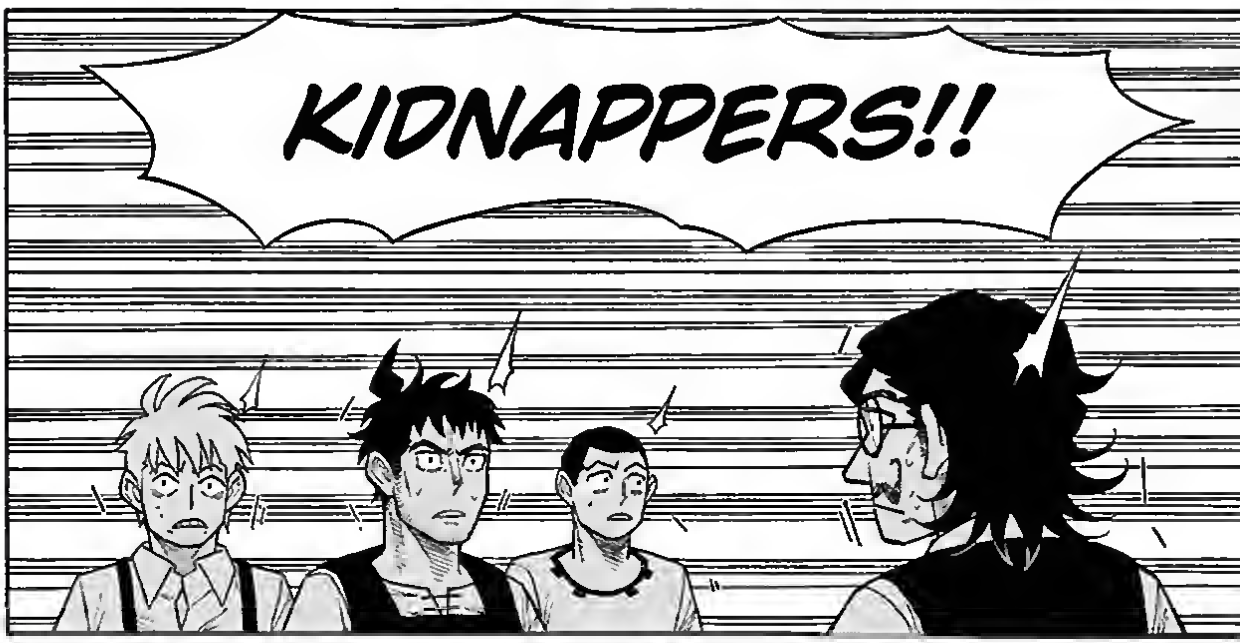
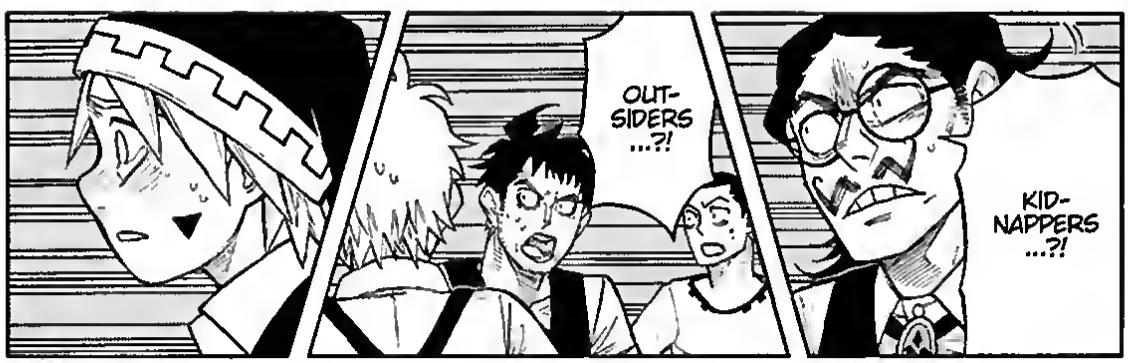

KIDNAPPERS!!


OUT-
SIDERS
...?!
KID-
NAPPERS
...?!

ZOOM
!!
THAT'S A MILITARY GOLEM! ORDINARY GOLEMS CAN'T COMPARE IN SPEED OR ATTACK POWER...
THIS IS BAD!
URASA ...!!
?!
ZOOSH
COME BACK !!
KLAK
URASA !!
...

OKAY ...!
HUH?
GO ON, NOAH!!
...
!

?!

...!
THUD
URASA!
STUB
T-TOO FAST!!
THEY'RE ALREADY OUT OF REACH...!
NO BATHS!!
SNIFF SNIFF
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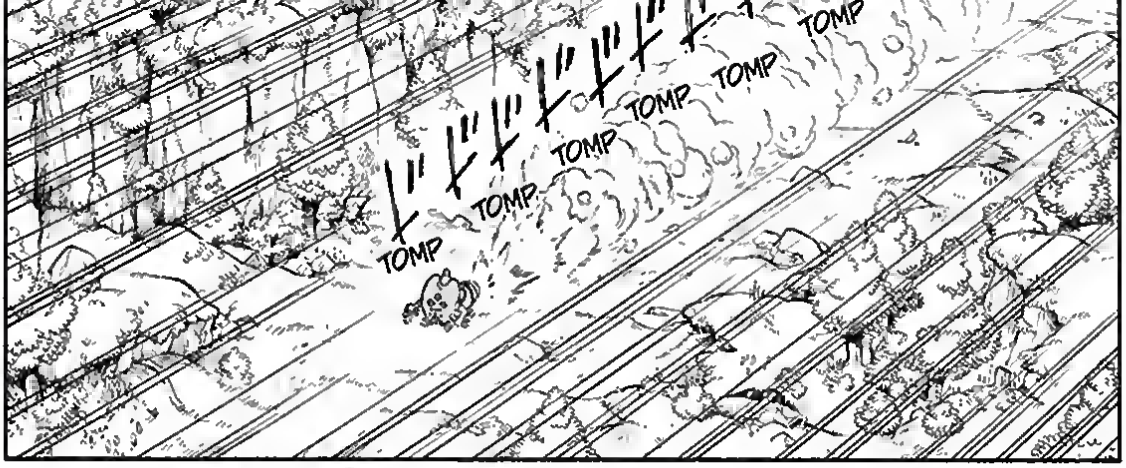
A BATH, NOW?! DO I STINK?
You just got out of bed and you're a little stinky yourself, Master.
HUH?!
SO STRIP DOWN!!
YOU JUST MAY BE ABLE TO CATCH UP, NOAH!
!
!

PLEASE!
YOU HAVE TO SAVE URASA!!
!!
COUNT ON... ME!! HIM!!

DIP
BUT KEEP YOUR PANTS ON!
OKAY.
!!
FWIP
STRIP DOWN, NOAH!

SWIP
FLIK
NO TIME TO LOSE... PLEASE... LET THIS WORK...!!
GOLEM ART...
NOW FOCUS ...!!
ACCELERATION!!
FWOOM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WHO COULD HAVE IMAGINED I'D FIND TWO CHOICE PICKS HERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE?
IT WAS WELL WORTH MY TIME, EXAMINING THE CHILDREN OF THIS TOWN YESTERDAY.
SNIFFLE ...
UGH ...
TOMP
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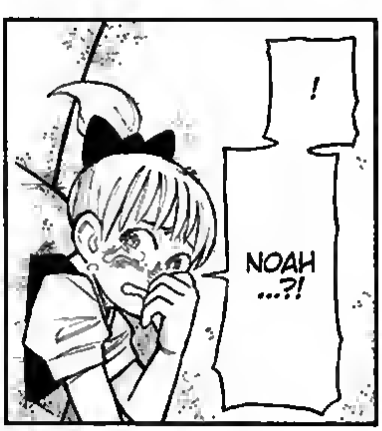
STOP RIGHT THERE!!
I'LL HAVE TO THANK THEM FOR IT.
GRILLED SKUNK MUSHROOMS ARE DELICIOUS!
CHOMP
AND THIS GOLEM MADE PULLING IT OFF A CINCH.

WHAT'S WITH THESE TWO?! A KID GIVING AN OLD MAN A PIGGYBACK RIDE?! SHOULDN'T IT BE THE OPPOSITE?!
?!
YOU PETTY, PERVERTED, PONYTAILED PUNK!!
VROOM
NNNNGHH!
BUT, WAIT... HOW'D THEY CATCH UP TO ME?!

WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Blarrrrghhh!
NOAH!
BUT ALL IT TOOK WAS ONE MINUTE FOR MY MOTION SICKNESS TO GET THE BETTER OF ME!
ACCELERATION WILL ONLY LAST US THREE MINUTES!
BETTER CATCH THIS GUY QUICK!
YOU OKAY, MASTER?!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NOAH ...?!

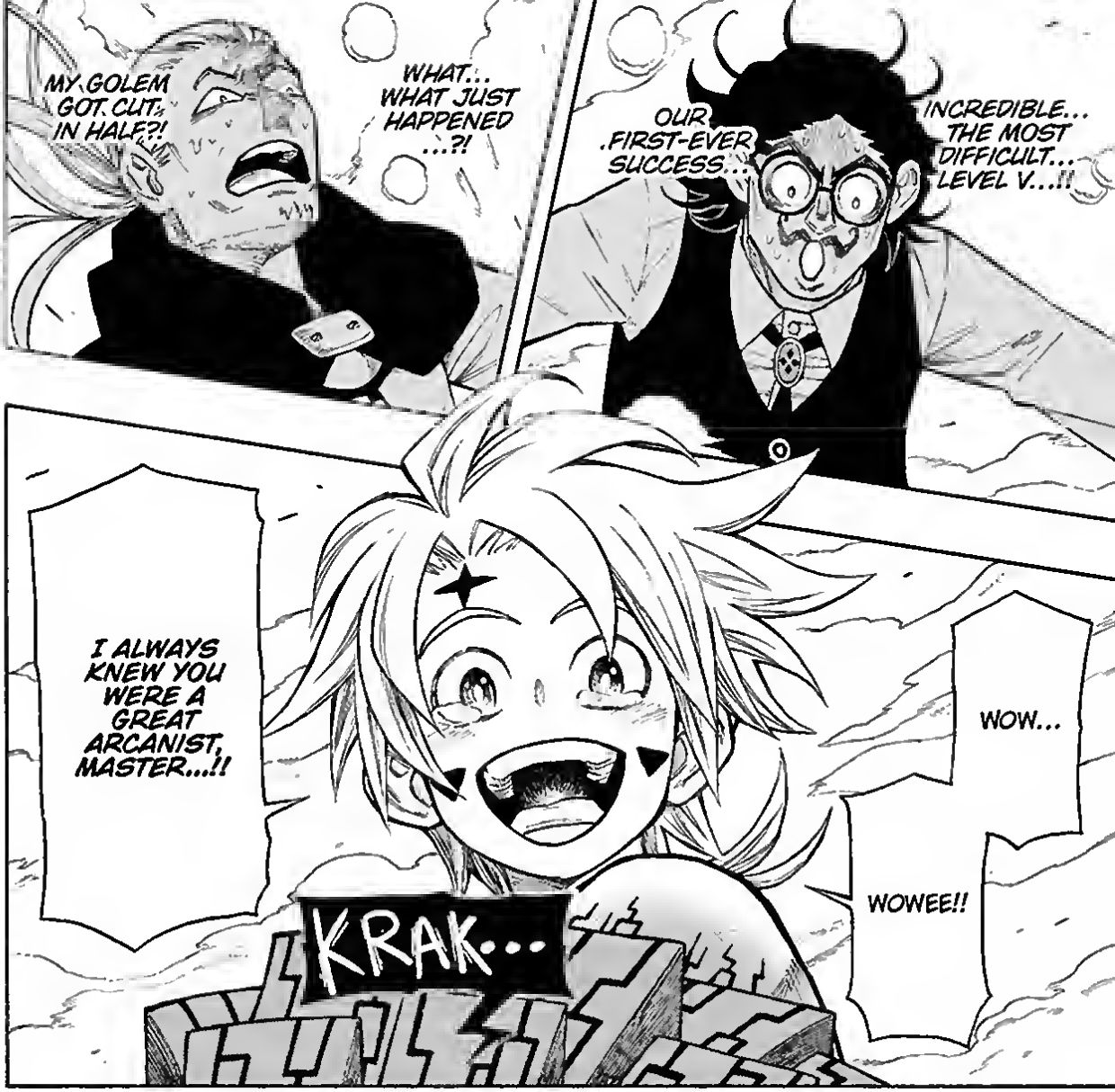
HUH?
JUMP, NOAH! JUMP! JUMP!
?!
TCH!
ガシッ
SLAM
BOOM
ALSO...
WHAT ASTOUNDING FIRE-POWER...
CLOSE ONE...

EEEEEK
YOU JUMPED TOO HIGH!!
I CAN'T CONTROL MY BODY SO WELL WHEN I'M RUNNING...
FWOO
...?!
SO, HE'S NOT ACCUSTOMED TO HANDLING HIS POWER WHEN IN THIS STATE...
HUH?
ALL OF A SUDDEN, IT FEELS LIKE I CAN'T RUN FAST ANYMORE!
WHUT? ACCELERATION WORE OFF ALREADY?
YOU FOOLS. THERE'S NO WAY TO DODGE IN MIDAIR.
SH-SHP

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT IF I'M HIT BY THAT GOLEM CANNON, I'M A GONER!!
GAH! I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING WITH GOLEM ARTS, BUT WILL IT WORK...?!
WE SAID WE'D WALK THIS PATH TOGETHER, RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT IN THIS ALONE, NOAH.
PAT
!
DON'T YOU WORRY, MASTER! I'LL PROTECT YOU!
!
USH
AND NOAH'S A GONER TOO IF HIS CORE GETS DESTROYED...
THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR...
IF ONLY I HAD A WAY TO PROTECT NOAH...!!
?!
BOOM
NOW DIE!!

FWOOM
FLIK
FLIK
FLIK
WHOOSH
LET 'ER RIP, NOAH!!

LEVEL V GOLEM ART...
PALADIN!
SLASH


MY GOLEM GOT CUT IN HALF?!
WHAT... WHAT JUST HAPPENED ...?!
OUR FIRST-EVER SUCCESS...
INCREDIBLE... THE MOST DIFFICULT... LEVEL V...!!
I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE A GREAT ARCANIST, MASTER...!!
KRAK...
WOW...
WOWEE!!

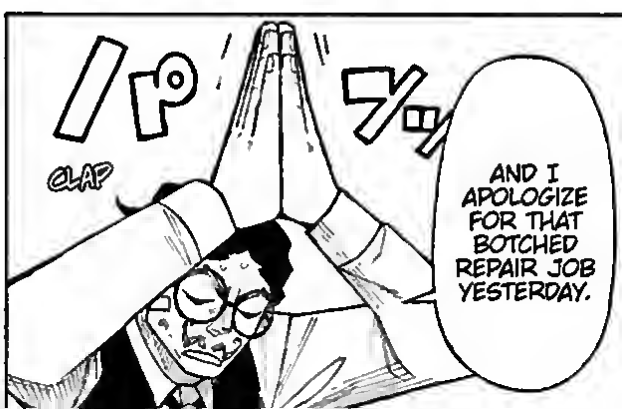
ZOOSH
EEEEK!
THUD
OOOF!
FWOOSH
BUT...
I GUESS YOU DIDN'T GIVE MUCH THOUGHT TO THE LANDING...

!
KRAK KRAK
...!
NATURALLY, IT WASN'T A PERFECT SUCCESS... WE'RE LUCKY THAT IT EVEN WORKED FOR JUST A SECOND...
WHOA!
KRAK
I'LL HAVE TO HONE MY CRAFT... SINCE NOAH BELIEVES IN ME SO...
THANK YOU BOTH SO MUCH...!
THANK YOU...

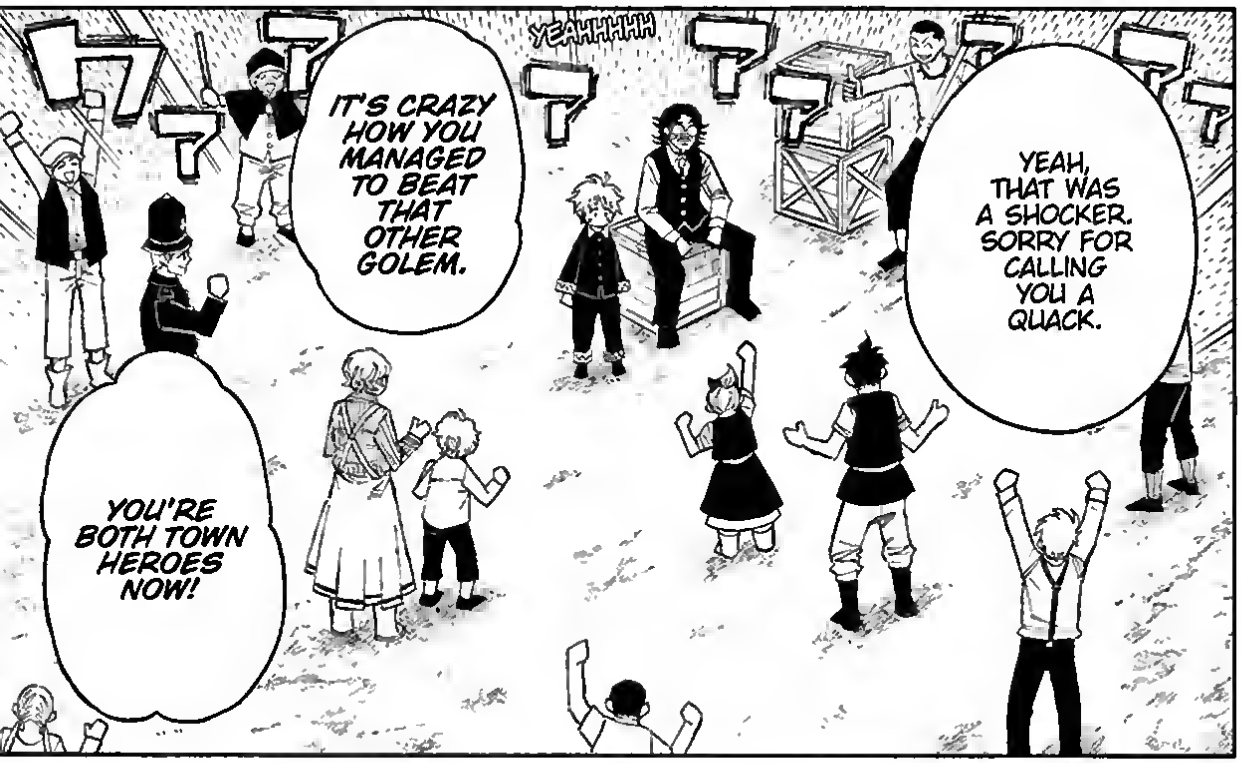
I'M SORRY...
AND AFTER ALL THE TERRIBLE THINGS I SAID THESE PAST TWO DAYS.

THANKS FOR SAVING ME!
NOAH! OLD MAN-STACHE!
Old Man-stache?

FIDGET
FIDGET
I DIDN'T LET IT GET TO ME!
BESIDES, I'M SORRY FOR YESTERDAY TOO!


CLAP
AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT BOTCHED REPAIR JOB YESTERDAY.

YOU WERE SO STRONG AND FAST AND COOL, NOAH!
AND YOU MADE NOAH, RIGHT, MISTER?
YOU MUST BE A GREAT ARCANIST!


YEAHHHHH
IT'S CRAZY HOW YOU MANAGED TO BEAT THAT OTHER GOLEM.
YEAH, THAT WAS A SHOCKER. SORRY FOR CALLING YOU A QUACK.
YOU'RE BOTH TOWN HEROES NOW!

RIGHT, OF COURSE. LET ME SEE YOUR BROKEN ARM, NOAH.

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FWIP FWIP

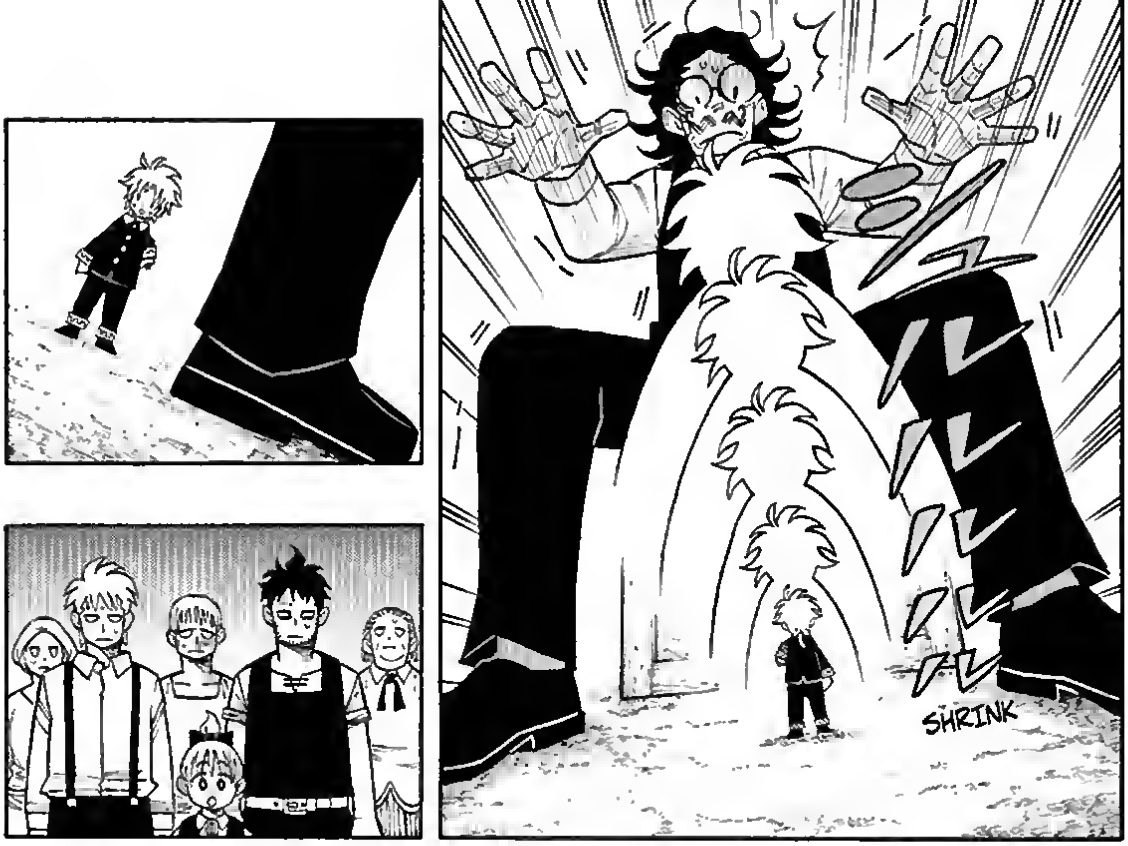
THE GREAT ARCANIST LEMMECK WILL HAVE IT FIXED IN A JIFFY!

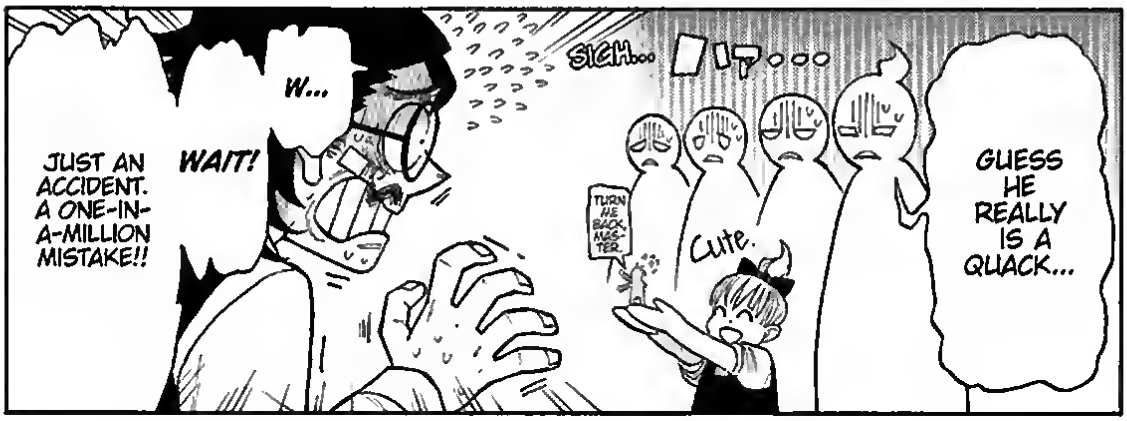
OKAY!

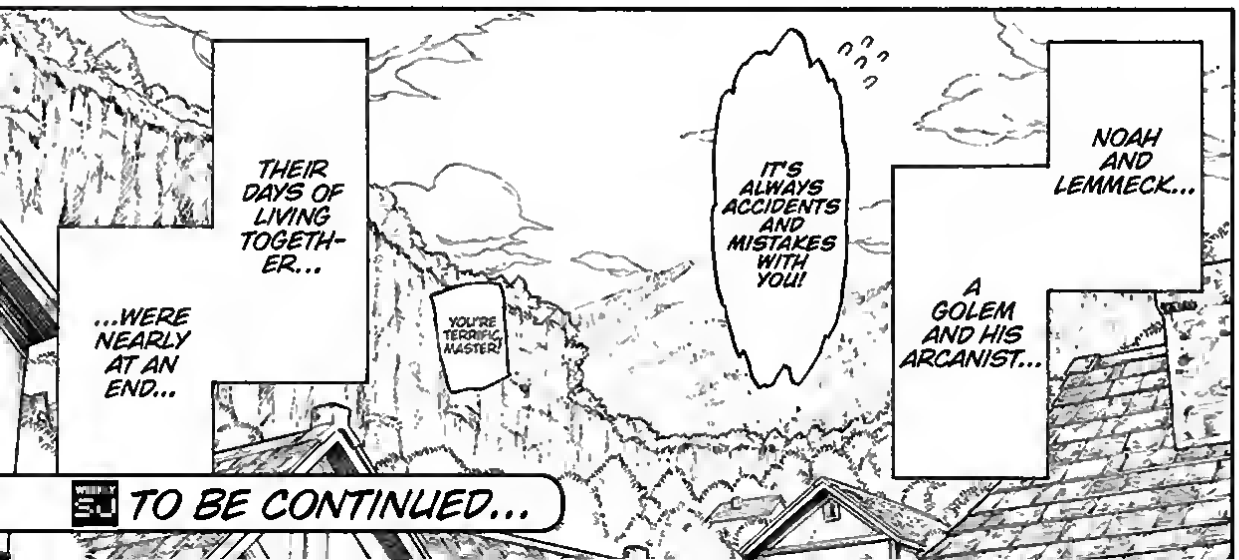
GOLEM ART...

RESURRECTION!

OHHHH


SHRINK


W...
WAIT!
JUST AN ACCIDENT. A ONE-IN-A-MILLION MISTAKE!!
SIGH...
TURN ME BACK, MASTER.
Cute.
GUESS HE REALLY IS A QUACK...


THEIR DAYS OF LIVING TOGETHER...
...WERE NEARLY AT AN END...
YOU'RE TERRIFIC, MASTER!
IT'S ALWAYS ACCIDENTS AND MISTAKES WITH YOU!
NOAH AND LEMMECK...
A GOLEM AND HIS ARCANIST...
TO BE CONTINUED...